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SUBJECT: AMBASSADOR JOHNSON' S STATEMENT OF APRIL 3, 1973

THE FOLLOWING IS STATEMENT DELIVERED BY AMBASSADOR JOHNSON
AT THE SALT MEETING OF APRIL 3, 1973.

STATEMENT BY AMBASSADOR JOHNSON

APRIL 3, 1973

MR. MINISTER, I WANT TO RESPOND TODAY TO YOUR STATEMENT OF
MARCH 30.

I

YOUR STATEMENT SUGGESTED AGAIN THAT WE SHOULD GIVE CONSIDERA-
TION TO THE SUBJECT OF RESTRAINT. THE UNITED STATES, WHICH IS
TRADITIONALLY, A NON- MILITARY NATION, HAS, EXCEPT WHEN THREATENED
OR
ATTACKED BY OTHERS, ACTED WITH WHAT WE BELIEVE AN OBJECTIVE
OBSERVER
WOULD REGARD AS A CONTINUING POLICY OF RESTRAINT. THIS MANS THAT,
REGARDLESS OF THE FACT THAT CERTAIN ACTIONS MAY NOT BE LIMITED BY
INTERNATIONAL OR BILATERAL AGREEMENT OR OTHER SIMILAR UNDERTAKINGS,
ONLY THOSE ACTIONS IN THE DEFENSE FIELD HAVE BEEN TAKEN WHICH ARE
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PERCEIVED TO BE REQUIRED IN THE INTERESTS OF THE SECURITY OF THE UNITED STATES AND ITS ALLIES AND OUR CONTINUING SEARCH FOR AN END DURING PEACE. THIS TYPE OF RESTRAINT CONTINUES TO BE US POLICY.

YOUR PROPOSAL WOULD APPARENTLY INVOLVE FINDING ADDITIONAL AREAS FOR MUTUAL UNDERTAKINGS FOR ARMS LIMITATIONS WHICH ARE SEPARATE FROM THE MEASURES TO BE CONTAINED IN " THE MORE COMPLETE TO THIS TYPE OF ATTACK AND CONFINED TO REJECTING CATEGORICALLY CONCLUSIONS AND RECOMMENDATIONS WHICH IT HOLDS TO BE FALSE AND TENDENTIOUS AS WELL AS INSULTING. GOP REITERATES THAT ACCESS TO OVERSEAS PROVINCES REMAINS OPEN TO ALL WHO, WITHOUT PARTISAN PREJUDICES, WISH TO VISIT THEM AND SEE WHAT THE PORTUGUESE REALITY IS.

3. THE LETTER WAS CIRCULATED AS A COMMISSION DOCUMENT AND GAVE RISE TO PROTESTS BY SEVERAL DELEGATIONS. PAKISTAN, GHANA AND NIGERIA ORALLY PROPOSED FOLLOWING DRAFT RESOLUTION WHICH HASTILY ADOPTED ON CHAIRMAN'S PROPOSAL BY CONSENSUS:

" HRC HAVING EXAMINED THE LETTER FROM THE REPRESENTATIVE OF PORTUGAL TO THE CHAIRMAN OF THE COMMISSION

1. REJECTS THE ALLEGATIONS AND OBSERVATIONS OFFERED IN THAT LETTER;

2. DEPLORES PORTUGAL'S REFUSAL TO COOPERATE WITH THE AD HOC WORKING GROUP AND ITS PERPETUATION OF THE INHUMAN TREATMENT OF THE PEOPLES OF TERRITORIES UNDER ITS OCCUPATION IN AFRICA."

COMMENT: IN VIEW OF HIGHLY OFFENSIVE TONE OF PORTUGUESE LETTER AND CHAIRMAN'S ACTION IN RUSHING THROUGH CONSENSUS DECISION, U. S. REP (FERGUSON) DECIDED NOT TO INSIST ON VOTE IN WHICH WE WOULD HAVE ABSTAINED. RIMESTAD

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AT THE LAST MEETING YOU STATED THAT OUR PROPOSAL TO PLACE AN EQUAL OVERALL CEILING ON THE THROW- WEIGHT OF EACH SIDE' S ICBM FORCES WAS UNACCEPTABLE. WE BELIEVE THIS SOVIET POSITION IS NOT CONSISTENT WITH THE MAINTENANCE OF SURVIVABLE RETALIATORY FORCES TO DETER THE OUTBREAK OF NUCLEAR WAR. HEAVY ICBMS POSSESSED BY ONE SIDE COULD BE A SOURCE OF A PARTICULARLY GRAVE THREAT TO THE SURVIVABILITY OF THE OTHER SIDE' S LAND BASED RETALIATORY FORCES. THESE HEAVY ICBMS ARE NOT NEEDED FOR DETERRENCE AND THUS MUST BE CONSIDERED

AS BEING CLEARLY AIMED AT INCREASING THE OPERATIONAL CAPABILITIES OF ONE SIDE TO STRIKE THE DETERRENT FORCES ON THE OTHER SIDE. I FAIL TO UNDERSTAND WHY THE PRINCIPLE OF EQUALITY DOES NOT APPLY TO LIMITATIONS ON A KEY ELEMENT LIMITING THE POTENTIAL DESTRUCTIVE POWER OF ICBM FORCES. TODAY, I REAFFIRM OUR PROPOSAL TO PLACE AN EQUAL CEILING ON AGGREGATE ICBM THROW- WEIGHT.

III

WE ARE CHARGED WITH AN EXTREMELY IMPORTANT TASK -- WORKING OUT A PERMANENT AGREEMENT LIMITING STRATEGIC OFFENSIVE ARMS AS A REPLACE-
MENT FOR THE INTERIM AGREEMENT. PROGRESS TOWARDS THIS GOAL
REQUIRES

THE USEFUL DISCUSSION OF THE CENTRAL SYSTEMS -- NOT
MERELY A REJECTION OF THE SUBSTANTIVE PROPOSALS OF THE OTHER SIDE.
IN REVIEWING THE RECORD OF OUR ENGOTIATIONS, I ASKED MYSELF WHAT IS
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COST FOR ONE EXPERT FROM U. S. AND ONE FROM MADRID. AGENCY
ENTIRELY AGREEABLE TO THIS SUGGESTION.

5. MISSION RECOMMENDS FAVORABLE RESPONSE TO AGENCY' S REQUEST
FOR COST- FREE EXPERTS, AS NOTED ABOVE, SINCE SUBJECT MATTER OF

MEETING DIRECTLY RELATED TO INTERESTS OF DEVELOPING COUNTRIES.

6. AGENCY REQUESTS RESPONSE ASAP, IN ORDER TO PROCEED WITH
ORGANIZATION OF MEETING. COPY AGENCY' S LETTER POUCHED AMMONS,
AEC. ADVISE. PORTER

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